

OF NOTE

377ABW.NUCLEUS@kirtland.af.mil. Deadline for July 2 is today.

BLOOD

United Blood Services, 768-1408, holds blood drives on Kirtland AFB at:

★ Sandia National Labs **every Tuesday**, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

★ Navy Reserves, **tomorrow**, Bloodmobile, 400 Wyoming, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

★ VA Medical Center, **June 29**, Spinal Cord Training Building, Room 1083, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

BRIEFING

Gen. John P. Jumper directed that all Air Force members attend suicide/violence prevention training by July 1. Mandatory Suicide Prevention training is 7:15 a.m., noon and 3 p.m., in the theater **June 29**. Arrive early and don't leave without proof of attendance. Call 846-3305.

Retiree briefing for retirees, spouses and surviving spouses, tomorrow, 10-11:30 a.m., in the Rio Grande Community Center. The third party collection program, benefits and entitlements and the Medicare part B penalty exemption will be discussed.

CLOSING

People will be unable to complete or update online resumes for Air Force civilian employment through tomorrow due to a computer system upgrade.

New job vacancies will not be posted during this time and deadlines for those already posted will be extended. People will not be able to self-nominate for jobs during this period. Call the Air Force Customer Service Center, 800-616-3775, and press 3 for employment opportunities and verification.

FAMILY

Pre-deployment briefings are Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m., or Thursday, 5 p.m., at the Family Support Center. Call Master Sgt. Lloyd McKenzie or Jane Gates, 846-0741.

MEETINGS

Kirtland AFB Chapel will hold a joint Protestant Service, June 27, and July 4, 10:30 a.m., at the Air Force Safety Center Auditorium. Call 846-5691.

The Air Commando Association Annual Reunion is in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., October 8-10. Call 850-581-0099, e-mail aircomando@aol.com or visit <http://home.earthlink.net/~aircomando1/>, for more details.

The Military Officers Association monthly luncheon is tomorrow, in the Petroleum Club, 500 Marquette NW, Suite 1500. The guest speaker is retired Army Brig. Gen. Bob Kemble. Social hour is 11 a.m., lunch at noon. For reservations call 299-7585 or 323-7346. No-shows will be billed.

Boy Scout Troop 911 meets every Monday, 7 p.m., at New Life Baptist Church. Call Scoutmaster Mike Sharp at 203-4882, Chris Nater at 249-3950 or Nat Thongchua at 898-2554. A Cub Scout troop is also available for boys younger than 10.5 years old.

ODDS/ENDS

377th Comptroller Squadron will be at minimum manning, today, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. For emergency's call 263-7871.

The Filipino-American Association of New Mexico has their annual "Pista Sa

Nayon" event, tomorrow at the University of New Mexico Continuing Education Center. The event is open to the public and will showcase local Filipino cultural talents, food, products and businesses. This year's program features Danongan Kalanduyan, a world-renowned master Kulintang musician and Rockefeller grant recipient from San Francisco, as well as recording artist and Albuquerque voice instructor, Jam Morales-Harner. The event will consist of pre-show performances beginning at 6 p.m., and the main program from 7:30-9 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Contact Emilie Underwood at 255-2060, crisunderwood@hotmail.com or Jim Custodio at 237-1944, jcustodi@msn.com.

An electrical outage is scheduled for tomorrow, beginning at 7 a.m. and lasting about 4 hours. The outage will affect facilities on 22nd Loop and East Sandia Circle, Sandia Base Elementary School, Kirtland Family Housing Maintenance Facility, lodging and Mountain View Club.

The Civil Air Patrol Thunderbird Composite Squadron is hosting a Flag Retirement Ceremony on July 2, 2 p.m., at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center flagpole.

OF NOTE

Several military moms who have sons serving in Iraq are organizing a chapter of Blue Star Mothers in Albuquerque. The first meeting is **tomorrow**, 10 a.m., at the Cottonwood Church, 10131 Coors Boulevard, behind the West Alameda Shopping Center. Founded in 1942 and chartered by Congress in 1960, Blue Star Mothers encourage families of military members to display the Blue Star Flag in their window as a sign of support. The flag is a symbol of hope and grave concern. It also symbolizes pride in the commitment of America's youth and serves as a reminder of the gravity of the entire war effort. Membership is open to mothers who have children serving in the military during time of war whether deployed or not, and to fathers, other family members and friends. Go to the national Web site www.bluestarmothers.org/ and the New Mexico Web site www.nmbluestarmothers.org/. Call Carolyn Donnell, 299-7123.

New Hours for Main Exchange starting July 1 are, Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Sunday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

International Lubrication and Fuel Consultants Inc. and 377th Civil Engineer Division are conducting a base wide gas leak survey through today. This is an annual requirement performed outside all Kirtland AFB facilities to ensure all natural gas lines and equipment are properly functioning. Call Danetta M. Cox, 846-7853 or Patricia Chavez, 846-7854.

A survivor of the 9/11 terrorist attack at the Pentagon, Army Lt. Col. Brian Birdwell, signs copies of a book written with his wife, Mel, about their experiences in the aftermath of the Pentagon attack. The book signing for "Refined by Fire" is at the BX, **July 3**, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. They will also speak at two services at First Family Church, 4701 Wyoming Boulevard Northeast, **July 4**. Colonel Birdwell is the sole survivor from those working in his directorate when American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon. A book preview is at www.tyndale.com/authors/bio.asp?code=53.

Computer classes for military spouses, May-September, are offered in the Distance Learning Center. Call 846-0741 or 846-0751 to register.

PERSONNEL

myPay personal identification numbers are available

by e-mail on official Air Force e-mail accounts. Military members and retirees, annuitants and DOD and DOE civilian employees should visit <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

Air Force Reserve is an option for continuing your military career part-time while keeping most of your benefits. Retraining may be an option. Call Master Sgt. Vera Romano, 846-0544.

Thrift Savings Plan Open Season is through June 30. **Federal Employees Retirement System** employees may contribute up to 14 percent of their basic pay and **Civil Service Retirement System** employees nine percent.

Civil service employees performing military duty are placed on Leave Without Pay-Uniformed Services unless the employee chooses to be separated. Submit a Request for Personnel Action, SF-52. For information, contact Alfreda L. Fain, 846-8953.

ROADS

A Avenue at both directions from Wyoming Boulevard and East Sandia Court will be closed, for new street, water and sewer line construction **through Aug. 9.**

TRAINING

The Health and Wellness Center offers comprehensive Tobacco Cessation classes in Building 20228, adjacent to the East Fitness Center. The sessions last for five weeks and include group discussions about addiction, behavior and stress management, fitness, nutrition and relapse prevention techniques. Classes are **Wednesday**, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or **Thursdays**, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Call 846-1186.

The Secretary of the Air Force Inspector General staff will conduct an Investigating Officer Training course here, **July 27-29.** The course trains personnel that will be tasked to conduct commander-directed investigations. The course covers roles and responsibilities of the investigating officer, how to plan the investigation, information about fact-finding, report writing and

interview techniques. The training is primarily for senior noncommissioned officers and officers, based on the fact that the investigating officer must be equal or greater in rank to the subject of the investigations. If you are interested in receiving training, e-mail Master Sgt. Dianne Lue, dianne.lue@kirtland.af.mil, or Becky Auringer, Rebecca.auringer@kirtland.af.mil, before **July 6.**

VOLUNTEERS

The Council on International Educational Exchange is accepting applications for host families for international students ages 16-18. Students are coming from Germany, Brazil, Korea, Thailand, Serbia and Japan. Host families can be traditional or nontraditional, single parents or couples. Students come with full coverage health insurance and spending money. Families provide students with a bed, a place to study, two meals a day and loving support. Call Maggie, 286-1348, or maggiemckinley@aol.com

The International Training Office is looking for sponsors for foreign military officers who are attending the Flight Safety Officers here from **July 9-Sept. 17.** Call Verna Hultberg, 846-9812

Magicians and storytellers for the Library's Summer Reading Club, July-August, are being recruited. Three acts suitable for children of all ages are needed for the Saturday program. Call Marla Sturdy, 846-1071.

Albuquerque Rescue Mission volunteers are needed for serving breakfast and dinners to clients. Volunteers are recruited by the Chapel. Call Dave Goodnight, 346-4673, ext. 244.

Volunteer escorts for Scout troops are needed to help scouts visiting Kirtland AFB while enroute to summer destinations. Contact Kirtland AFB Scout liaison 1st Lt. Robert Hill, 846-5094.

Helping Homeless Teens project, through the Albuquerque Peace and Justice Center, provides toiletries, school supplies and first aid items for homeless teens. Donations are distributed through the Youth in Transition and Albuquerque Public Schools Title I. The collection is **through September.** Contact Bernice Reed, 846-2449.